

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Docket No: Q89903
Akira HASEGAWA et al.	Conf. No.: 1268
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For: TITANIA NANOTUBE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME	

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith (except U.S. patents, patent publications and/or co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114. Therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants are submitting herewith English language translations of the following documents: Hirao, "Preparation of Long Fibrous Titanium Oxide Nanotube"; and Ito et al., "Preparation of Undirectionally Oriented TiO₂ Tubes by Electrostatic Method." In

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addition, Applicants point out that U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0255315 is the counterpart application to WO 2004/057064.

Applicants also enclose herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart JP application citing such documents.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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